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SUBJECT: EC AIDE-MEMOIRES ON EC-ARAB COOPERATION

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1. THE INR ASSESSMENT, REFTEL PARA 6, STATES THAT "EFFORTS TO GAIN APPROVAL FOR THE COMMUNITY'S AIDE-MEMOIRES ON EC-ARAB COOPERATION TO THE TWENTY ARAB CAPITALS FAILED BECAUSE OF A BASIC LONDON-PARIS DIS-AGREEMENT ON THE NECESSITY TO CONSULT THE US. THE BRITISH FOUND BROAD SUPPORT FROM ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS EXCEPT FRANCE, WHICH WOULD NOT YIELD SUFFICIENTLY FOR LONDON TO GIVE THE GREEN LIGHT FOR RELEASE OF THE AIDE-MEMOIRE."

2. FCO OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN AT PAINS TO ASSURE US THAT AT EC COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 1-2, UK DID GIVE GREEN LIGHT ON EC AIDE-MEMOIRES AND THAT IT DID SO WITHOUT ATTACHING CONDITIONS. SUBSEQUENT FAILURE OF EVFTO DISPATCH AIDE-MEMOIRD WAS DUE SOLELY TO REFUSAL OF FRANCE TO AGREE TO WISHES OF OTHER EIGHT ON PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH US. (SEE LONDON 4287, PARA 4; BONN 5525, PARA 4.)

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3. DISTINCTION BETWEEN THESE TWO VERSIONS OF PRECISELY

WHAT HAPPENED AT EC COUNCIL MEETING IS IMPORTANT TO
BRITISH, ESPECIALLY VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS, BECAUSE IN
EFFECT THEY SUCCEEDED IN TRANSFERRING FROM THEMSELVES
TO FRENCH THE ONUS FOR STALEMATE ON EC-ARAB DIALOGUE.

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